

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

A1
In order to efficiently carry out dental treatments such as scaling and root planing to enhance therapeutic effects, it is important to maintain the sharpness of a scaler. When a scaler is in use, however, the sharpness of the scaler blade is liable to be deteriorated. Thus, the sharpness of the scaler blade is checked before and during the use of the scaler, and the scaler is sharpened manually or with the use of an electric sharpening apparatus, as required, to maintain a desired sharpness.

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

A2
A typical electric sharpening apparatus, having a sharpening stone rotated by an electric motor and adapted to be pressed against the scaler, can excessively sharpen the scaler blade and cannot achieve easy sharpening during the dental treatment. On the contrary, manual sharpening can be carried out with ease during the dental treatment by sliding a sharpening stone along a scaler. However, manual sharpening requires skills since the scaler blade

A2 | is extremely small ~~to have~~ having about a 2.0 mm length and about a 0.5 mm thickness at the minimum and the scaler may have a complicated shape as mentioned above. Thus, it is difficult for an unskilled operator to uniformly and smoothly sharpen the entirety of the scaler blade.

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A3 | An object of the present invention is to provide an angle-measurement assist device for assisting a visual angle measurement in with respect ~~of~~ to a measurement object having a ~~measurement~~ ~~object~~ portion made of a magnetic material.

On Page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A4 | Another object of the present invention is to provide an angle measurement device for promptly and easily carrying out an angle measurement with accuracy in with respect ~~of~~ to such a measurement object.

On page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A5 | According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided an angle measurement device which comprises an angle-

AB measurement assist device and a scale plate. The assist device comprises: a holder having a first flat face thereof adapted to be in contact with a measurement object portion of a measurement object, the measurement object portion being subject to an angle measurement, made of a magnetic material, and provided in a distal end portion of a shank of the measurement object which extends from the main body of the shank at a shank angle; a permanent magnet mounted to said holder for permitting said assist device to be magnetically retained on the measurement object portion; and a straight member projecting from a second face of said holder and sufficiently greater in size than the measurement object portion. The scale plate has a central portion thereof formed with a hole permitting the distal end portion of the shank to pass therethrough and is provided with a first scale indicative of a target positioning angle for the main body of the shank and a second scale indicative of a target angle of the measurement object portion which is to be established when the main body of the shank is positioned at the first scale.

On page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 31 with the following rewritten paragraph:

AB Preferably, first and second lines serving as the first and second scales are drawn on the base plate. Alternatively, the angle

AB | measurement device includes a scale plate provided with the first
and second scales and adapted to be disposed on the base plate.
